

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 3-6 and 8-14 as amended remain in the case.

In the Office Action of dated 13th September 2007 claims 1 to 14 are pending of which claims 1 to 6, 8 and 9 were rejected and claims 7 and 10 to 14 were objected to.

In particular;

- Claims 1, 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hanajima (US 4,864,085).
- Claims 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanajima (US 4,864,085) in view of Mital (US 4,476,355).
- Claims 7 and 10 to 14 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but the examiner kindly indicated that they would be allowable in rewritten in independent form.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1, 2 and 7 have been cancelled. The dependencies of Claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 12 and 13 have been amended to make these claims dependent upon allowed Claim 14.

DISCUSSION

Claim 1

The rejection of this claim has been rendered moot by the cancellation of this claim.

Claim 2

The rejection of this claim has been rendered moot by the cancellation of this claim

Claim 3

The rejection of this claim under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanajima (US 4,864,085) in view of Mital (US 4,476,355) has, we submit, been overcome by making this claim dependent upon allowed Claim 14.

Claim 4

The rejection of this claim under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hanajima (US 4,864,085) has, we submit, been overcome by making this claim dependent upon allowed Claim 14.

Claim 5

The rejection of this claim under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hanajima (US 4,864,085) has we submit been overcome by making this claim dependent upon allowed Claim 14 through Claim 4.

Claim 6

The rejection of this claim under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hanajima (US 4,864,085) has, we submit, been overcome by making this claim dependent upon allowed Claim 14.

Claim 7

The rejection of this claim has been rendered moot by the cancellation of this claim

Claim 8

The rejection of this claim under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hanajima (US 4,864,085) has, we submit, been overcome by making this claim dependent upon allowed Claim 14.

Claim 9

The rejection of this claim under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hanajima (US 4,864,085) has, we submit, been overcome by making this claim dependent upon allowed Claim 14.

Claim 10

The objection of this claim has, we submit, been overcome by making this claim dependent upon allowed Claim 14 through claim 8. We thank the examiner for indication allowance of this claim.

Claim 11

The objection to this claim has, we submit, been overcome by making this claim dependent upon allowed Claim 14 through claim 8. We thank the examiner for indication allowance of this claim.

Claim 12

The objection of this claim has, we submit, been overcome by making this claim dependent upon allowed Claim 14. We thank the examiner for indication allowance of this claim.

Claim 13

The objection of this claim has, we submit, been overcome by making this claim dependent upon allowed Claim 14. We thank the examiner for indication allowance of this claim.

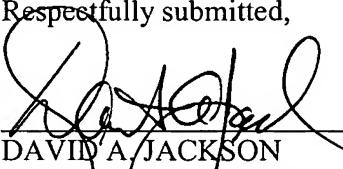
Claim 14

This claim has been allowed. We thank the examiner for indication allowance of this claim.

Conclusion

The reexamination and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested and it is further requested that this application be passed to issue.

Although the foregoing discussion is believed to be dispositive of the issues in this case, applicants' attorney requests a telephone interview with the Examiner should any unresolved issues remain after the Examiner's consideration of this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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